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SUBJECT: INDO-U.S. SUBCOMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
PROPOSED COLLABORATION IN SOLAR ENERGY

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1. DEPARTMENT STRONGLY ENDORSES EMBASSY EFFORTS TO MOVE
NEW PROJECTS ALONG AND NOTES THAT PARA 1 OF REFTEL
CONSTITUTES INVITATION FROM GOI AND PARA 3 EMBASSY
CLEARANCE FOR PROPOSED TRAVEL TO FINALIZE NEW PROJECTS
IN SOLAR ENERGY.

2. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT, NSF AND ERDA HAVE RESERVATIONS
CONCERNING EXISTING BASIS FOR TRAVEL OF U.S. EXPERTS TO
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INDIA AS PROPOSED IN REFTEL: (1) INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION
SUPPLIED TO EVALUATE LIKELIHOOD THAT RESULT OF PROPOSED
VISIT WILL BE FINAL PROPOSALS AND NOT ANOTHER INTERIM
STAGE, AND (2) SINCE U.S. PARTICIPANTS SUGGESTED ARE NOT
PROMINANTLY ENGAGED IN THE RESEARCH INDICATED FOR EACH
PROJECT, THERE IS NO BASIS TO EXPECT THEY
WOULD BE U.S. COLLABORATORS IN FINAL PROPOSALS.

3. TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER ITERATION AND TO ASSURE USEFUL OUTCOME OF PROPOSED VISITS, DST OR SCICOUNS

SHOULD FIRST OBTAIN FROM EACH SUGGESTED U.S. EXPERT A COMMITMENT: (1) TO BE U.S. COLLABORATOR IN FINAL PROPOSAL OR (2) TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE U.S. COLLABORATOR BEFORE INDIA MEETING AND WRITE THAT PERSON OR PERSONS INTO THE FINAL PROPOSAL. IF DST OR SCICOUNS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY SUITABLE U.S. COLLABORATOR, ERDA WILL ASSIST.

4. WHEN QUESTIONS IN PARA 2 HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY DEALT WITH, NSF NEEDS TO KNOW, IN ORDER TO BEGIN PROCESSING OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: (1) ROUGH ITINERARY WITHIN INDIA FOR EACH OF VISITORS SO TICKET COST AND PER DIEM MAY BE ESTIMATED, (2) ACCEPTABLE TIME SPAN IN WHICH TRAVEL COULD TAKE PLACE, INCLUDING BEST PERIOD AS WELL AS DAYS TO AVOID, AND (3) AVAILABILITY OF CHOSEN AMERICAN EXPERTS. FYI: NSF NORMALLY PROVIDES ABOUT TWO WEEKS IN COUNTRY FOR FINAL DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSALS BUT ONLY AS MANY DAYS AS IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY. ALSO, NSF REQUIRES FOUR WEEKS LEAD TIME FOR PROCESSING AFTER ITINERARY AGREED UPON. END FYI.

5. FINALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE INDIAN SIDE SEES AS TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETING PROPOSAL FORMULATION ON EACH OF THREE PROJECTS.
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